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23 April 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Colonel Glenn Smith, Senate
Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee Staff

1. At his request, I met with Colonel Glenn Smith, [redacted] on the staff of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee. Colonel Smith showed me part of a memorandum he had received from Subcommittee Chairman John Stennis outlining work areas which he wished Colonel Smith to pursue. In general, they are concerned with the four safeguards discussed at the time of the Subcommittee's hearings on the nuclear test ban treaty. Senator Stennis has asked Colonel Smith to obtain all information necessary to a Subcommittee evaluation of the effectiveness of the safeguards outlined by Executive Branch witnesses in the test ban hearings and the extent to which the Executive Branch has carried out the various programs involved.

2. Colonel Smith specifically referred to a letter from Assistant Secretary of Defense Gilpatric to the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee on 23 August 1963. Gilpatric indicated that the letter had been fully discussed with various branches of the Government including CIA. In carrying out the instructions from the Chairman, Colonel Smith feels he needs to know what the United States Intelligence Board has done in continuing to increase its activities in monitoring Soviet activities as described in Gilpatric's letter.

3. Senator Stennis' memorandum specifically included: (a) analyzing the extent to which approved plans and programs have been carried out in response to the needs of the weapons program; (b) details of under-

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ground test programs including schedules and objectives, amounts budgeted for weapons, labs, etc.; (d [redacted])

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[redacted] It also referred to the Joint Task Force.

4. Colonel Smith mentioned Mr. Houston's memo of 24 May 1963 on the Agency's appearance before the Subcommittee on 22 May 1963. This memo was prepared in lieu of a transcript because of the particularly sensitive nature of Mr. McCone's briefing.

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[redacted] I told Colonel Smith I would look into this and be in touch with him further. He said that if a formal request from the Chairman was necessary, he would be happy to see that one was sent. At this time, there are no plans for Subcommittee hearings on this, but it is quite possible that hearings will be scheduled later. Senator Stennis' memorandum referred to the ultimate end of Colonel Smith's work as a report to the Senate itself.

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